

Serial Number 10/618,612

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Objection to Specification

The title has been amended to refer to the integral nature of the disc carrier and spindle motor rotor, as required in item 2 on page 2 of the Official Action.

2. Prior Art Rejections

The rejections under 35 USC §§102(b) and 103(a) have been rendered moot by the incorporation, into claim 1, of the limitations of original claim 3, which was indicated as allowable in item 9 on page 5 of the Official Action.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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